

O God of Mercy and Love, we thank you for the gift of your son, Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII, and for the honor of sainthood the Church has now bestowed upon him. Through the gifts of joyfulness, goodness and humility, he led the Church into the modern



world. He taught us of the need for peace in the world which can only be achieved through the recognition of human dignity. He called us to work for a more just world. This holy man inspired us to live the Gospel, to love deeply, and to show compassion to persons who are poor and suffering. On the occasion of his canonization, we pray in thanks for his peaceful spirit in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.